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SUBJECT: ADB ANNUAL MEETING: VIETNAM ISSUE

REF: MANILA 4929

1. ON APRIL 9 KOREAN DIRECTOR SAID THAT ADB SECRETARY
RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM SOUTH VIETNAM GOVERNOR TO ADB
REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN SECURING APPOINTMENTS WITH (A)
ADB STAFF TO REACTIVATE CURRENT PROJECTS AND (B) IBRD
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DELEGATION AT ADB ANNUAL MEETING FOR HALF AN HOUR TO

EXCHANGE VIEWS ON FUTURE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
TELEGRAM ALSO INDICATED THAT THESE TWO APPOINTMENTS
SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED APPOINTMENT
WITH ADB PRESIDENT.

2. KOREAN DIRECTOR SAID THAT HE REQUESTED AND ADB
SECRETARY AGREED TO CHOOSE WORDS CAREFULLY IN ANSWERING
TELEGRAMS TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING ON
PART OF VIETNAMESE IN VIEW OF NEW AGGRESSIVE TONE
OF LAST TWO VIETNAMESE TELEGRAMS. ADB SECRETARY CONFIRMED HE
WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN ADVANCE COPY OF VIETNAMESE GOVERNOR'S
SPEECH AND AGREED TO SCHEDULE VIETNAMESE GOVERNOR SPEECH LAST
TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS BY OTHER
GOVERNORS.

3. FYI. CHANGE IN TONE, ATTITUDE, SUBSTANCE AND
LEVEL OF COMPETENCE OF LAST TWO VIETNAMESE TELEGRAMS
GIVES IMPRESSION OF SUDDEN VIETNAMESE DECISION TO
BEGIN RESUMPTION OF ACTIVE RELATIONS WITH ADB AT ANNUAL MEETING.
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